(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(e) what steps are being taken to make this facility easily accessable; and

(f) what is the quantity of subsidy availed so far by the deep sea fishing units since the inception of this scheme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) Government has announced an export-linked scheme for making High Speed Diesel Oil available at international prices to deep sea fishing vessels registered with Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) under MPEDA Act, 1972 and the rules thereunder. MPEDA is implementing this scheme with effect from 1st April, 1991 for the diesel oil consumed from 1-1-1991 by the deep sea fishing vessels.

(b) to (f) 33 out of 38 registered exporter fishing companies have applied for assistance under the scheme. These applications are being processed.

Exchange Rate between Rupee, Rouble and Dollar

1273. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minster of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest exchange rate between (i) rupee-rouble (ii) rouble-dollar (iii) dollar-rupee; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to correct the fallacy in rupee-rouble-dollar rate, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) According to the latest information available from the Reserve Bank of India, the Rupee-Rouble exchange rate as on 5-9-1991 is Rs. 30.8390 is equal to Rouble 1 and the Dollar Rupee exchange rate on the same date is 1 US dollar is equal to Rs. 26.08. The Rouble is not a quoted convertible currency. The official exchange rate as on 2-9-91 as reported in the 'Financial Times', London of 3rd September, 1991 is US dollar 1 is equal to Rouble 0.5936.

(b) Both the Rupee and the Rouble are not convertible currencies. Hence the question of any fallacy in the Rupee-Rouble-Dollar rate does not arise.

Number of AIDS Cases detected Position

1274. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the country's foreign exchange reserve position as on 25th August, 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): As on 25th August 1991 foreign exchange reserves (Excluding Gold and Special Drawing Rights) were Rs. 2816.76 crores.

Number of aids Cases Detected

1275. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of AIDS cases detected so far State-wise, indicating the number of cases prone to AIDS and those suffering from full blown AIDS;

(b) the sections of Society who are prone to this disease;

(c) what steps have been taken and are being taken to contain it; and

(d) what is the progress made so far in finding an effective treatment of the disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a)

as on 30-6-91 5588 persons out of 9.50 lakh persons practising high risk behaviour screened, were found HIV positive, of which 68 have been reported to be full blown AIDS cases, State-wise break-up is given in the statement.

(b) The sections of Society who are prone to this disease is as under :-

(i) Heterosexually promiscuous males and females.
(ii) Blood donors and recipients of blood and blood products.
(iii) Intravenous drug users.

(c) and (d) To prevent the spread of AIDS in the country, National AIDS Control Programme is being implemented which has three components viz. surveillance, Health and Community Education and ensuring safety of blood and blood proucts.

Surveillance: 6 Surveillance centres and 4 referral centres had been established in different parts of the country with specific objective of screening persons belonging to high risk groups *i.e.* Prostitutes, Hetero-sexually promiscuous males, STD patients, Blood donors, Inmates of remand homes and foreigners.

Health and Community Education: Health Education activities have been intensified to increase awareness among general public youth and also students of schools and colleges.

Safety of blood and blood products: Another important measure for the prevention of AIDS in the country is testing of blood donors for HIV infection by all the surveillance centres and zonal blood testing centres. The Government has established blood testing facilities in 35 cities and these facilities are being expanded in a phased manner.

To ensure safety of blood products, all the 9 units manufacturing blood products have been given appropriate instructions.

For clinical management of AIDS cases facilities have been developed at 13 medical colleges of the country including All India Institute of Medical Sciences.

Since there is no cure for AIDS, the patients sufferings from apportunistic infection are being given supportive and symptomatic treatment.

Statement

State/Union Territory Wise Break up of Hiv Sero Positive Infection Reported from Following States/Union Territory Upto June 30th, 1991

Name of the State/UT	Samples screened	Scroposi-tives	AIDS s Cases
Andhra Pradesh	25390	78	1
Assam	3183	3	1
Bihar	4567	0	0
Chandigarh/Punjab	29466	71	8
Delhi	135710	436	10
Goa	29840	62	2
Gujarat	50860	31	1
Haryana	78264	12	0
Himachal Pradesh	4813	3	0
Jammu & Kashmir	N·A.	2	1
Karnataka	43798	49	0
Kerala	14550	19	2

1	2	3	4
Madhya Pradesh	19308	34	0
Maharashtra	157332	1760	24
Manipur	6179	1259	4
Nagaland	536	36	0
Orissa	5290	000	0
Pondicherry	17684	165	3
Rajasthan	1222	1	1
Tami Nadu	278890	1256	8
Uttar Pradesh	52142	297	1
West Bengal	31576	15	1
Sikkim (Blood Donors)	152	—	—
TOTAL	950851	5588	68

इलाहाबाद और वाराणसी में गंगा कार्य योजना के अधीन कार्य की प्रगति

1276. **श्री रत्नाकर पाण्डेय :** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इलाहाबाद और वाराणसी में गंगा कार्य योजना के अधीन अब तक कितना कार्य पूरा हो चुका है;

(ख) क्या कार्य निर्धारित योजना के अनुसार हो रहा है, यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) 1991-92 तक कितने कार्य के पूरा कर लिये जाने की संभावना है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ) : (क) गंगा कार्य योजना के अन्तर्गत इलाहाबाद के लिए 18 स्कीमें और वाराणसी के लिए 34 स्कीमें हाथ में ली गई थीं। इनमें से, इलाहाबाद में 14 स्कीमें और वाराणसी में 31 स्कीमें अब तक पूरी हो चुकी हैं और बाकी 7 स्कीमों में कार्य प्रगति पर है।

(ख) चूंकि अधिकांश स्कीमों में निर्धारित समय-सूची के अनुसार प्रगति हुई है, फिर भी कुछ स्कीमों में खास-तौर पर भूमि अधिग्रहण और न्यायालय में पड़े मामलों के कारण कुछ देरी हुई है।

(ग) चल रही 7 स्कीमों में से, 5 स्कीमों के 31.3.1992 तक पूरा हो जाने की संभावना है।

Extension of free port advisory Committee's Term

1277. SRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the term of Free Port Advisory Committee has been extended;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard including the reasons for such extension;